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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PSD: SOUSA FRANCO/SA CARNEIRO SPLIT WIDENS

REF: LISBON 0275 (DTG 120853Z JAN 78)

SUMMARY: THE SPLIT BETWEEN PSD EXOFFICIO PRESIDENT SA
CARNEIRO AND INTERIM PRESIDENT SOUSA FRANCO HAS NOT BEEN
RESOLVED. SA CARNEIRO WILL ADDRESS THE PARTY NATIONAL
COUNCIL MEETING JAN 14 AND MAY ANNOUNCE HIS FORMAL
RESIGNATION FROM THE PARTY: A MOVE WHICH WILL BADLY SPLIT
THE PSD. END SUMMARY.

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1. DIFFERENCES IRRECONCILLABLE: AS REPORTED REFTTEL,
EXOFFICIO PSD PRESIDENT SA CARNEIRO AND INTERIM
PRESIDENT SOUSA FRANCO HAVE BEEN MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO
RESOLVE THEIR DISPUTE OVER INTERNAL PARTY CONTROL.
NO COMPROMISE HAS BEEN FOUND AND SA CARNEIRO INFORMED
THE PARTY POLITICAL COMMISSION LATE JAN 12 THAT HE:

--WOULD WITHDRAW HIS PROPOSED PARTY STATUTE CHANGES
(REFTEL);

--WOULD ADDRESS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION JAN 14; AND

--HAD DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE HIS FORMAL RESIGNATION FROM
THE PARTY, POSSIBLY JAN 14.

2. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE SOUGHT TO CONVINCE SOUSA FRANCO
NOT TO FOLLOW SA CARNEIRO OUT OF THE PARTY. THE PSD
ANNOUNCED JAN 12 THAT SA CARNEIRO HAD WITHDRAWN HIS
PROPOSED STATUTE CHANGES, BUT REMAINED SILENT ON OTHER
DEVELOPMENTS. THE JAN 14 NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL
BRING THE DISPUTE TO A HEAD.

3. COMMENT: IF SA CARNEIRO GOES THROUGH WITH HIS
RESIGNATION, THE PSD WILL BE BADLY SPLIT. BUT EVEN IF HE
DOES NOT RESIGN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN SA CARNEIRO AND SOUSA
FRANCO, IF UNRESOLVED, COULD IMMOBILIZE THE PARTY.
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